

# **IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday February 9th 2003**

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## **Phoenix Rally**

All roads lead to Coolmine Community School in Dublin 15 on Sunday next February 9th where Phoenix Radio Club will host the first rally of the year. The doors open at 12 noon and admission will be three euro. Light refreshments will be available and there is plenty of free car parking in the complex. There will be a bring and buy stall at the rally. Further information from Tony EI7GI on 01-8252074. Patrons travelling on the M50 should leave at the Blanchardstown roundabout, which is about five minutes from the venue.

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## **Other Upcoming Rallies**

Limerick Radio will hold their Annual Trade Fair at the Greenhills Hotel on the Ennis Road in Limerick on Sunday March the 9th. Regular traders attending include Long Communications, South East Communications and Compustore. Cellcom Ireland Ltd will be making their first appearance at an EI Rally. From the UK, Linear Amp , Yaesu and Icom have confirmed their attendance. Icom will be using the occasion to hold the UK/EI launch of their new IC-703, a HF plus 6 metre QRP radio. Yaesu have donated a VX7R, a three band handheld, for the raffle. Contact Paul EI6FE on 061-360122 or e-mail ei6fe@eircom.net.

The 22nd Enniskillen Amateur Radio Show, hosted by Lough Erne ARC, will be held in the Killyhevlin Hotel, Enniskillen, Co Fermanagh on Sunday 6th of April 2003. Information from Herbie, GI6JPO on 028-6638-7761 or EI Activity Day 2003.

This year, St. Patrick's Day falls on a Monday so the annual EI Activity Day is being extended to a three day event to be held from Saturday to Monday inclusive. EI stations are still in great demand by stations trying complete their Worked EI Counties Award and many overseas stations are also collecting Worked All Ireland Squares. We look forward to the usual high level of activity from EI over this weekend. Activity from some of the rarer counties would be especially welcome.

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## **IRTS Annual General Meeting**

The Irish Radio Transmitters Society Annual General Meeting will be held this year on Sunday April the 27th at Jury's Green Isle Hotel on the Naas Road in Dublin 22.

The meeting starts at 1430. There will be no Dinner Dance or Rally associated with the AGM. A carvery lunch will be available in the Green Isle before the meeting. Full details are in Echo Ireland which should be with members during the coming week.

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### **IRTS Awards Committee**

The IRTS awards Committee would like to thank all those who responded promptly to the call for the return of trophies. If you have not returned your trophy, please do so as soon as possible. Trophies may be returned to any IRTS Committee Member or by parcel post to Peter EI4HX before the 14th of February.

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### **South Dublin Radio Club**

The Annual General Meeting of South Dublin Radio Club takes place at the club QTH at Marian Road, Rathfarnham on Tuesday fortnight 25th February, at 8.00 pm. This is an important event in the club's calendar, and all members are requested to attend.

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### **Cork Radio Club**

Cork Radio Club welcomes back Ingo Stengel DH5ST who is studying at the Cork Institute of Technology. He was here before and was very active from his mobile station. Attendance at the weekly meetings has been high in recent weeks where the club station has been very active on CW.

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### **East Cork Group**

The Annual General Meeting of the East Cork group will be held at Poer Head on Monday next February the 10th. Members have been very active in recent contests with Jerry EI6BT doing well in the CQWW CW Top Band Contest and Jeremy EI5GM making a good score in the UBA SSB test despite poor conditions. Members of the group will be active in the forthcoming ARRL contests and in the CQWW SSB Top band Contest.

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### **Contests in the coming weeks**

The main contest next weekend is the ARRL CW contest which will be held on the

15th and 16th over 48 hours from midnight Friday. In this one, the exchange is signal report plus your power output, i.e. 5991100. You only work U.S. and Canadian stations and their exchange will be signal report plus their state, i.e. 599 New York. We do have a geographical advantage over our European brethren in this one and in last years event, Dave EI4BZ finished world first on 10 metres.

The SSB leg of this contest takes place two weeks later on March 1st and 2nd. The weekend after next is a busy one for both SSB and CW contestants. The CQWW SSB 160m contest is on February the 22nd and 23rd together with the REF SBB and the UBA CW. The E.E.C. trophy for the leading E.C. station in the UBA contest has been won twice from EI in the past, both times on SSB. Will we have a CW winner?

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Items for inclusion in the Radio News should be forwarded for the time being to Dave Moore EI4BZ. He can be contacted during the day on 021-4353853 or on 021-4883555 in the evenings. News can also be submitted via e-mail to news@irts.ie for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services.

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